

AGENDA • SG SENATE

08-09 STUDENT GOVERNMENT



02/06/09 | 1-3pm | SDC 1300

1) Call to Order

Called to order at 1:03

2) Roll Call

*President	X
*Vice President	X
*Finance	X
*Programming	x(late)
*Public Relations	X
*Director of Services	
*Student Relations	X
*Organization Recognition	X
*KGCCE	X
*SCOB	
*CIAS	X
*GCCIS	X
*COLA	
*COS	
*Women's Senator	X
*Freshman	X
*Grad	X
*CAST	X
*RHA	X
*NSC	
*NTID	
*GLBT	X
*ACA	X
*Global Union	
*WITR	
*CAB	X
*Greek Council	X
*OCASA	X
*Reporter	X
*SAAC	X
*Academic Senate	X
*Staff Council	X
*Dr. Heath	x(late)
*Colette Shaw	

3) Speak to the Senate

4) Approval of Minutes

a. 1/23 & 1/30

- RHA motion to approve, Grad seconded

5) Presenters

a. FMS Institute Update – Jim Yarrington

- Power Point of Project Updates
- Perkins Green buildings were upgraded, more upgrades will be in the future for the rest of the buildings.
- The South Loop Sidewalk was an SG priority, and this was completed and cost about half a million dollars.
- The SAU Pool Renovation is underway. The steel frame is up and floors are being completed.
- Provided a floor by floor explanation of the new SAU Renovation building, the new bookstore area, CIAS renovations/expansion, Innovation Center, Global Village (containing housing and academic portions), Sustainability Institute (sustainability is the goal for new buildings)
- CAST: I heard word on the street that they ran out of funding for Global Village, is that true?
- Jim: No.
- Org Rec: I think one of our issues with Perkins is the path that isn't being used. It's really dangerous with people walking and biking on the road. I think we need to look at other options.
- Jim: When this was being built these things were looked at. Can't really do anything if no one is using it.
- Grad: Can you give rent rates for Global Village?
- Jim: That is a housing thing, I really can't tell you because I'm not sure.
- Dr. Heath: They're looking to make it as reasonable as possible.
- VP: Is that lounge in the bookstore, faculty only?
- Jim: No, anyone could use it.
- VP: Are there any projects being put on hold?
- Jim: The major capital projects are pretty well managed.
- CIAS: We were told in CIAS we would have no heating or cooling for next year. Can you comment on that?
- Jim: I can't. But having no heating in a heating season isn't possible.
- Greek: Did you consider that it was harder to heat near windows? I know it can be cooler by windows.
- Jim: It's an engineering thing.

6) Old Business

a. Election Committee By-Law Changes (tabled)

- VP: Does anyone have any changes or discussion?
- Women's: I would like to motion to approve
- seconded by CIAS
- 11 approve, 2 abstentions
- changes approved

b. Records Retention Policy

- VP: You guys all have it. It was sent out last week and yesterday.
- Grad motion to discuss, GLBT seconded
- Grad: I like it when it's called Record Management rather than Record Retention
- Women's: What are they looking for?
- VP: We need to approve/disapprove it.
- Greek: Does this apply to Greeks?
- Pres: it doesn't apply to sub-organizations, just Student Government, Academic Senate...etc.
- RHA: I don't like how it gets rid of documents after a certain amount of time. What if a student comes back looking for something?
- GLBT: I think in most situations if you're looking for a letter of recommendation you aren't going to wait a few years and if you do, you're going to go to someone who knows you.
- Org rec: I disagree, I think you're going to be coming back in a few years for a job or grad school.
- Greek: Each department should be able to make its own decision on how long to keep its own records. I think these should be guidelines but I don't know if it should be enforced.
- RHA: The idea is that if someone comes back with a law suit after a few years RIT can say that they don't keep records past a certain amount of time.
- VP: Is there more discussion or an action?
- RHA motion to approve, CAST seconded
- 11 approve, 1 abstention.
- Approved

c. Classroom Ethics

- Pres: We had discussed what behavior was acceptable; expectations from students, expectations from professors and I wanted to continue that again today.
- Pres: one of the things we've talked about over the last few days or weeks was that grades need to come out on time. It isn't necessarily an ethics issue but it's an expectation. What are some ideas on how we should reach out to students about their opinions? We had some ideas last week but I would like more.
- Org Rec: An open forum would be a good idea, but how will we get people to go? A survey would be better if it was anonymous and had some sort of prize incentive.
- Academic Senate: This was to be a dialog- not a bug list. If you go the survey route I want to caution you that you might not get what we are looking for.
- CIAS: I think this is an appropriate thing for a committee to discuss.
- Staff Council: I wonder how this falls into the rankism issue from last year. There was a situation a few years ago in the College of Liberal Arts when a

staff member made a faculty member feel less than human, that's what sparked this conversation.

- Women's: I think a committee would be a good idea, and they could go out and just ask people questions. A committee focused on talking to people would be helpful.
- GLBT: To me this doesn't seem like something that could be put into rules. If a student comes in wearing pajamas and a professor doesn't think it's appropriate, they don't really have the authority to tell them not to dress that way. Someone should mediate between professors and students who have these issues.
- VP: That's the Ombud's Office. They do that.
- GLBT: Then if someone does this already, then why are we talking about it?
- Academic Senate: Faculty all have different expectations. These are general kinds of things that need to be addressed.
- Colette: Colette was saying that students are only allowed to get kicked out of class once per quarter.
- Org Rec: Yes students do multi-task. Students have different ways of learning and some need their cell phones or laptops in order to focus.
- SAAC: I feel that professors should tell their expectations on the first day and then if there's an issue they should have a discussion.
- Women's: I think a committee would better be able to discuss what Org Rec was saying.
- Pres: I would like to get a list of conversation starting points to take back to Dr. Haefner and share with others. What are some things that are important?
- COS: Expectations and grading policies clear for course and assignments
- CAB: What bothers me is professors not being in their office for office hours.
- PR: Just grades be posted on MyCourses.
- GCCIS: I think professors should give the same respect they want from students to students.
- Org Rec: Professors should offer office hours by appointment for students who can't make it to them.
- Finance: Unless something needs to be printed out, make sure it's available on MyCourses.
- KGCoe: Be online at certain times so people can ask questions.
- Grad: Breaks for two hour classes.
- Staff Council: That's required.
- CIAS: I don't think profanity is necessary from a professor.
- Academic Senate: If someone has to leave early, if you let the professor know and sit in the back would be helpful. Not to lie is important too.
- VP: There should be no classes from 1 – 2 on Fridays, during activity hour. Also, professors should not have interpreters do anything other than interpret.

- Programming: I have one more thing to add, professors don't reply to e-mail often. I would like that to change.
- d. CCL Posting Procedure – Carol Reed, Beth Crvelin
 - Pres: We were kind of rushed last week. The issue of advertising beer and alcohol is apparently against the RIT posting procedure. We had violated this rule this year about the Super Bowl and last year as well but it wasn't picked up. In order to show that SG is not above the rules we are going to have a conversation about what is proper posting procedures.
 - VP: They are here to answer any questions we have.
 - Pres: I'll kick this off. The first thing we have in this policy is that it says you can't advertise drinks and brands available. I think we should be able to advertise that with ID we should be able to tell people that drinks are available.
 - Carol Reed: My understanding is that Dr. Destler has a different perspective on events with alcohol. When Ed e-mailed me we may have been in a different period of time this year then we were last year. When FMS approached us, we sat down to have a conversation about what they needed.
 - Staff Council: Can you do me a favor and clarify if it is policy or procedure. I don't think it's in staff policy.
 - Carol Reed: It is not in Student Rights and Responsibilities. There is a posting procedure where it is addressed. This doesn't mean that this group can't work with us on what can be done on handling this. We are in a different place then when this was written.
 - Pres: There are two different things this school has. There is policy that every governance group has voted on. There is procedure which can be changed and worked with more easily. Matt and I haven't been able to have a conversation about these policy and procedures. The issue at hand is what can we do to publicize this?
 - Staff Council: Is just the green book being looked at or is the student rights and responsibility being looked at too.
 - Dr. Heath: I don't think so. My suggestion is SG should offer a suggestion of what should be changed and that will start a dialog.
 - Carol Reed: The intent when these procedures were written is that people aren't being attracted to the event because of the alcohol. The primary reason for the event isn't to be the alcohol.
 - VP: Away from the alcohol thing, but I would like to see something about the posters spelling things out. I think there should be one of the same poster every ten feet. I think we should also look at getting a procedure campus wide.
 - Dr. Heath: I think you should get the framework of what you're comfortable with first and then work on the campus wide.
 - Grad: I think we should also look at having groups responsible for taking posters down after their event.
 - Stu Rela: Can we post facing building one?

- Carol Reed: There is a set of committee aesthetics that needs to be considered. Just think about what it would look like if that wall was posted with fliers when you're coming up to the campus. If I was driving up to campus and saw posters on that wall with the welcome sign I think it would look bad.
- Stu Rela: I'm not disagreeing I just think it should be stated in order to clear up any confusion.
- CAST: The alcohol at the events isn't really going to pull people. If you have an idea you can go to a bar or something. If you're going to an event, it's because you want to be there.
- PR: The SG ad that went out wasn't explicitly focused on the alcohol. The "With Proper ID" part was cut off by accident.
- Dr. Heath: Language is important as well when dealing with this. "Cash Bar With Proper ID" versus "Beer Available".
- RHA: There's nothing wrong with being 21, you should be able to go have fun. With posting, what gives people the right to tear down your posters?
- Carol Reed: The bulletin boards are where you post.
- RHA: The bulletin boards are required to be covered with RA information and educational stuff. Posters go around the floor.
- VP: Ed volunteered to chair a committee for this. Does anyone want to sit on it? Like CAB?
- PR: I will.
- CAB: I don't know if I can volunteer but I'll ask around.

7) New Business

- a. MSO & Club Signature Event Criteria – Carol Reed, Beth Crvelin
 - Beth Crvelin: We came up with an idea for clubs that have held successful signature events to get rooms that they want only in the SAU.
 - Pres: These are SG Recognized clubs?
 - Beth Crvelin: Yes.
 - OCASA: How will you determine what clubs get it?
 - Beth Crvelin: We have written up requirements and we have information in the system for the last few years.
 - Finance: In Spring there is intense competition for the cafeteria. How will you handle it? Is there a priority list?
 - Beth Crvelin: We would give priority to the event that has been going on longer.
 - Carol Reed: It is a tool to use with major organizations and clubs.
 - VP: Greeks are included in this. Will clubs bump MSO's if they have more years or will MSO's have priority?
 - Carol Reed: I don't think so, we're going by years.
 - VP: MSO's get your events in.
- b. Elect Elections Committee Chair
 - Stu Rela: My position is supposed to elect an Election Committees chair and I talked to Adam Weissman about it and I think he would be good.

- Adam: I was the Kate Gleason College of Engineering senator for two years.
- VP: He's Mr. SG.
- VP: Is there a motion to approve Adam?
- RHA motion to approve, GLBT seconded
- 12 approve
- Adam appointed committee chair
- VP: Does anyone want to be on the elections committee? Are there any criteria?
- Stu Rela: You should not be planning on running.
- VP: I nominate Kiersten since she's graduating.
- Stu Rela: Do you need to be nominated?
- VP: No.
- c. Senate to work with Governance Reps
 - Staff Council: I've been coming to these meetings for two years. If you talk to the right people anything is attainable. I think you should get together and share goals and we would help you get things done. We're here to help you get things done. A lot of times it's people just connecting with the right people.
 - VP: We're going to get a list of contacts from people from your college so you can meet with them.

8) Committee Reports

9) Cabinet Accomplishments

- a. Finance
 - I met with Mike D about the time line for the MSO review process.
 - I'll be sending out an updated policy and procedures and if you can send me your comments by Wednesday.
 - I'll be sending out the schedule for everyone to see the due dates for things.
 - Finance listed off dates that everything will be done, due dates, appeal dates, etc.
- b. Organization Recognition
 - I only have three colleges who responded to my e-mail about clubs. If you don't have them or are in the process of getting them, update me.
- c. Programming
 - Thank you to everyone for coming.
 - I don't think I should have a sign-up sheet for every event to make you guys go. I think you should just go.
 - Just a reminder, Rail Jam is today. Don't forget to go.

10) Senate Accomplishments

- a. CAB
 - Rail Jam tonight, movie premiers in the RITs
 - Nick Swardson canceled on us yesterday. The reason given was that he is really sick and his doctor doesn't want him to fly.

- b. OCASA
 - Pizza Bomb had over 450 people come. We never had that many people come.
- c. Grad
 - Intellectual Property document got finalized and will be coming next week.
 - Business cards passed
 - 1. PR: So every grad student gets a business card?
 - 2. No, before grad students could not have a business card with RIT logos on it. Now they can.
 - Global Union unification is tomorrow.
- d. Greek
 - PBJ Jam did not go off as planned

11) Governance Group Accomplishments

- a. Staff Council
 - If you want to meet with the Staff Council rep in your college, go to the website or e-mail me.

12) Advisor Reports

- a. Dr. Heath
 - There is a chance that your TAP Grant will be taken away. There is a Facebook group, join it.

13) Adjournment

- a. Women's motion to adjourn, Grad seconded by
- b. Adjourned at 2:59

Announcements